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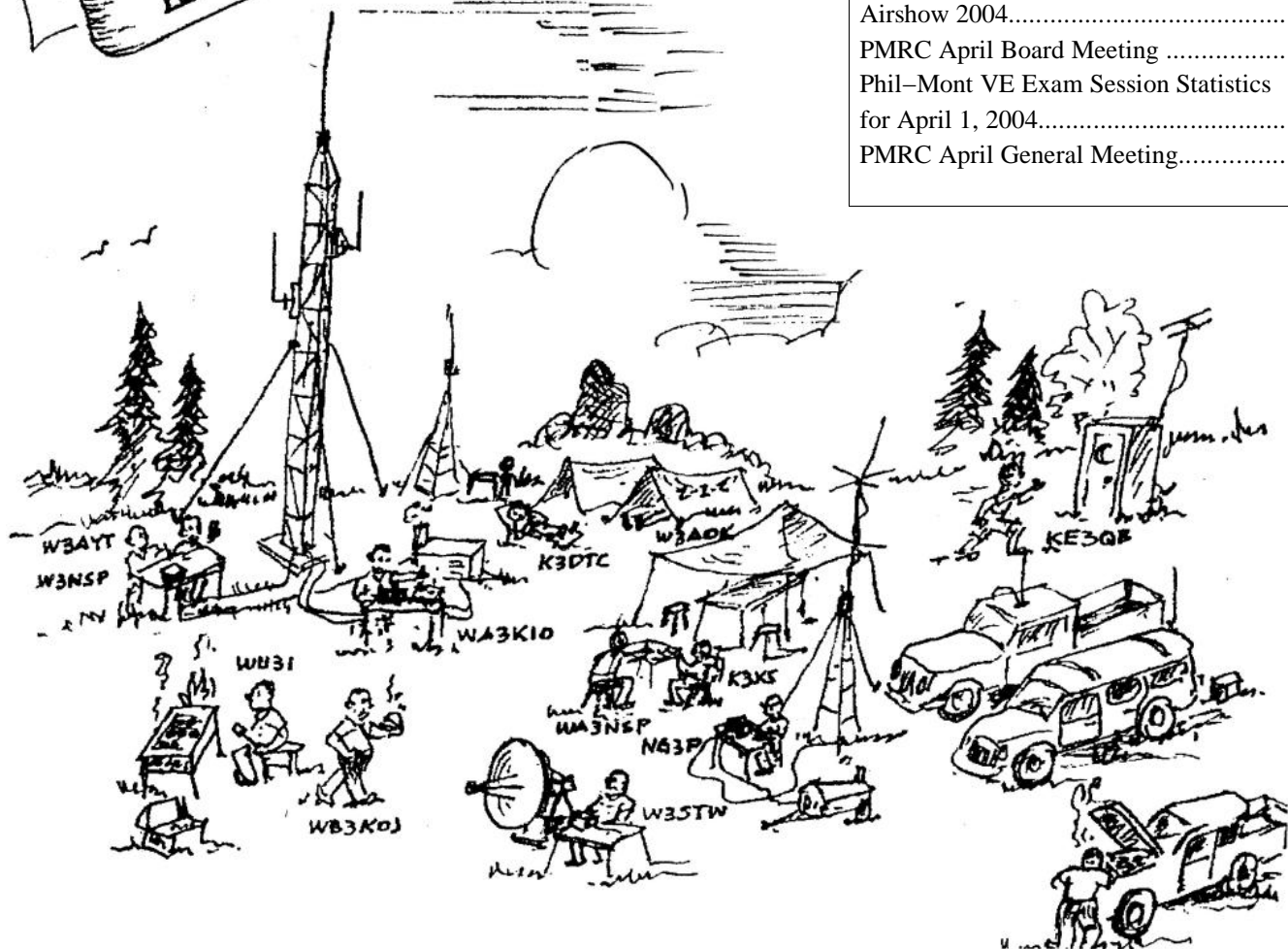
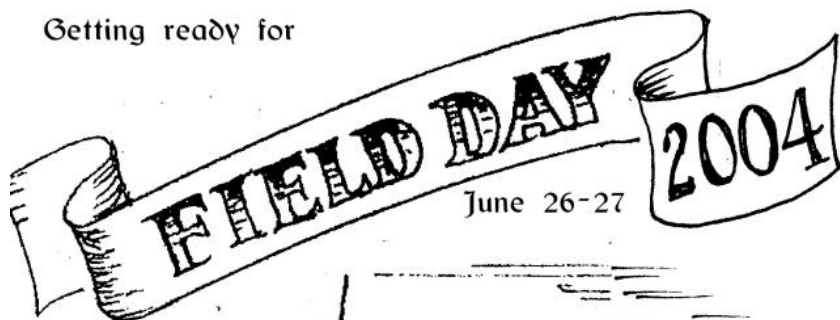
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- **10-on-10 Net**at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (\pm QRM)
- **75 meter Net**at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

License Examinations

are held on the **first non-holiday Thursday** each month (except July and August) at **Northeast High School,**

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia PA

Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Enter through the SPARC wing. Exams begin and doors closed and locked at **6:30 P.M.**

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Welcome: K3CJ.

Diane and the DUKWs

In August 1955...

your editor was barely 3 years old, and living in New Hope, Pennsylvania. Even being that tender age, I remember the flooding that accompanied the torrential rains and high winds of Hurricane Diane. Diane is currently still the 13th most deadly (184 deaths), and 8th most costly (\$4,830,580,808 in 1996 dollars) Atlantic hurricane on record.

In the aftermath of Diane, Phil-Mont members were among the more than 400 radio amateurs that were instrumental in providing emergency communications during rescue operations on the East Coast.

August 2005 will be the fiftieth anniversary of the Hurricane Dianne emergency operations. The club prodced a documentary film entitled "Every Single Minute" depicting those operations. We'd like to know if there would be interest among the club member in the production and sale of a 50th anniversary commemorative edition of the film, perhaps in Video CD format.

At the last PMRC Board Meeting, W3BBB happened to provide me with some materials for deposit in the PMRC archives, including a first-person accout of one ham's expereinces during the emergency. It's perhaps not a first-class piece of writing ion spots, but I've resisted the temptation to polish it much before presenting it once again to you here. You may notice some familiar call signs in this accound, including W3QV Brad Martin, now the memorial call sign

of the Phil-Mont repeater, and W3EM, Brad Algeo, whose call sign we use in memoriam every Field Day.

Don't forget that emergency communications is every bit as important in the beginning of the 21st centiury as it was in the middle of the Twentieth.

I Was There

by John M. Muroff W3SAI

reprinted from The Blurb,
September 1955

A flood, regardless of its source or cause, is a lot of water with which to do battle; the most fortunate are those of us that see it only occasionally as something that has hit the other guy. In the movies, or on television, the rapid-running waters carrying homes or barns to destruction, not to mention the loss of life, make an impression on us which is sudden and vivid, but which mercifully dissipates itself as the next item pops into view.

But when you are on the scene, looking at it with awe, you get to realize how much of a terrible thing it is. How does one get close up to it if one lives in comfortable Philadelphia? The answer is simply this: PHIL-MONT and PHIL-MONT stands for the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club.

Let me turn this into a personal thing.

August 19, 1955 had just started to dissolve into August 20, and the sack feels so comfortable, when

suddenly the 'phone rings and out you go onto the floor after it, wondering which of the patients at Powelton needs Carolyn's attention. A man's voice—it turns out to be W3VSU Lyle—you cut off his attempt at apology (nobody that belongs to Phil-mont ever needs to go into abject debasement) and listen for the details. Lyle talks slowly but forcefully — without any punctuation. "You know that 2-meter Communicator of mine that you're using I happened to break in on QV and he says they need one at Doylestown and I said I'd hate to wake John at this hour and he said it's an emergency and I said I'd call you and how can I get it?".

You are fully awake by now—"Doylestown" and "emergency" have made an impression that's indelible. You ask Lyle if it's O.K. to go out with him and he assures you that you'll be most welcome. In about half an hour Lyle picks you up an you're on your way.

You don't navigate by the stars, you just listen for QV. Lyle has made simple plans for this jaunt; the couple of sandwiches and pieces of fruit he would ordinarily eat at his job will see him through; in addition to this we take some ordinary rubbing alcohol, some antiseptic, tissues, aspirin and flashlights. "We're in good shape and ready for anything." Lyle says with a grin. "I'll drive and you talk, so the operating procedure is very simple." Bip, bip, bip and Brad picks you up immediately. The usual amenities and down to business.

Simple as anything: just get to Doylestown and listen for W3SSU operating at the Courthouse there.

The best way is up Route 611, so what's holding us up? It's a breeze, just avoid the West River Drive and parts of City Line Avenue, get onto Walnut Lane and across Germantown Avenue and thread your way over to Old York Road via Hanes Street and head north. As you cross into Melrose Park and Elkins Park you gun it gently and make up a little of the lost time.

Bip, bip and bip and Brad tells you it's OK all the way into Willow Grove, bear left and continue on Route 611 and negative on Route 263. This 263 business you file in the back of your head for later inquiry because you have two kids at camp along 263, in the Jamison area of Bucks County. You sure as heck would like some information on this but you hedge off, because by this time the channel is alive with talk, most of it from W3SSU at Doylestown. Brad has alerted them on another channel that you are on the way, and they are now on the lookout for you. You look for an opportunity, just a small hesitation in the talk, and zip, you sign in. Glad you could make it, don't stop off at the Courthouse but keep on 611 to Harrow, don't worry, you'll recognize it by the roadblock. Roger. Roger from here and call us when you get there. Roger.

As you ride it gets later and the roads seem to get darker and darker and the chatter on the channel is your only contact with the outside. Suddenly it gets brighter; the sudden illumination of a diner's neon, and you stop and ask two guys who just came out to check on their motorcycles, "Hey, matey, how far to Harrow?" "13 miles."

You groan and Lyle suggests picking up containers of coffee for the road. You sign in with EW3SSU, go in for the coffee and some dry cookies, and in about five minutes you're rolling. W3SSU is still with you, and advises that when you get to Harrow, you will start calling W3EM and he will bring you in, and then you will relieve him as he has been on duty for one long time. And then it hits you: W3EM, the number one man in a relay that got Carolyn through to Powelton a short week ago, so she could institute some emergency treatment for a patient there. You warm a little and mention to Lyle that Phil-Mont is the best thing ever to happen to ham radio. Roger. How about the coffee before it gets too cold to enjoy? Roger. Enjoy? It tastes like a solution of dirt; it should—the waitress said it was ground an hour ago. Funny. Yeh, funny.

Where is Harrow? Right here, at the roadblock, just like SSD said. And the farmer with the lantern and the tell-tale look of a guy who has been through it starts to spin a early tale about how you're not allowed to go in, etc, until the cackling of the receiver makes him look alive and you call in to EM and he says swell, just go through the block and look for signs that will point to Upper Black eddy, and continue on the same road until you get to Haney's Restaurant. Roger. The farmer says something about thank the Lord for you guys, and you say something about being glad to do it, and he waves, and you wave, and you dip into Stygian blackness.

Amusing thought: if Upper Black Eddy is this black, how black can Lower Black Eddy be? *Is* there a

Lower Black Eddy? If there is, where is it? You stop thinking of it quickly, because you might get a not-so-funny answer. Around a ticklish turn, and Lyle yells something about a sign, and you whip out the window and the flashlight spells out "Upper Black Eddy" and you start getting a little jittery, because this is it and what's it going to look like at the other end?

The road suddenly brightens up ahead of you and you realize a guy has pulled in behind you from out of nowhere. The h—I with him let him get ahead of you if he's in such a hurry. No, let's stop him and find out if this is it. Roger. The guy is friendly when he spots the whip and says to follow him into Haney's Restaurant. He takes off like a KW signal and Lyle follows; the road is a good test for a cross-country race, and you bounce your guts around the turns and there's the restaurant, lit up like a Christmas tree, and there again is the roadblock, complete with farmer, lantern and hang-dog look. Again the thank—you, the wave and the forward motion and the agreement that all that neon could sure drive a receiver crazy, and another try into the darkness. Suddenly, from the receiver a frantic shout to stop, hold it, you just passed us by, stop and back up and I'll walk out to you. and there is EM, a big friendly guy that you have met casually at Philmont. The handshake, the thanks, and the remark that he is going down the hill to check up on W3FUY/M, who is at the flood's edge, and who is keeping silent in order to conserve gas and battery power. Been there since the start of it and without any relief. Roger. What's it like? Rough. You can

almost hear the river from here. Want us to go down with you? No. You better stay here in case SSU calls in from Doylestown, and you can hear him only up here and not down at the water's edge. And then you realize how awful it must be for the inhabitants. Then EM leaves and you watch that wheezing Crosley with the big driver dip down the hill. The sign in with SSU and the long wait. What's keeping EM? How long is this hill anyway? Hope nothing happened to EM. Oh well, let's wait it out.

And then a guy sticks his head into the car and asks if there is anything new, and you ask him who he is, and he says he's the sheriff around here, and is sure glad to have you radio fellas here, and then you tell him about being sent here as relief for one of the other radio fellas and ask him what's new, sorta turning the tables and he tells you about the damage, and you hold your breath, it's that rough. And then he tells you about the two Army ducks

[ed: A "Duck" is a "DUKW"—a military vehicle of the WWII era with six wheels (two of them driven) and a propeller, capable of 50 mph on land and 5 knots in water. They are amphibious relatives of the familiar "deuce and a half" 2 1/2 ton truck].

...that have been trying to do rescue work in the swirling waters, and how one got swept onto a barn roof and was jammed in such a manner that the other duck couldn't give it any assistance. And then it was decided not to chance losing the other duck, so it headed for what was left of the main road and comparative safety. And you wonder if the guys on the wounded

duck are OK and the Sheriff say that they are, and to please call Doylestown and tell them the situation, and you do, and you're not afraid anymore because you can still get a call back to home base. Oh, yes—the reason the sheriff knows what's with the ducks is that he was on the one that made it back before it got too hung up. And so though the night you hear them call into and get answered by the terrific boys at SSU. And then somewhere along the slow-moving clock your eyes start to get weary and you promise yourself that all you'll do is get a little relaxed rest. So you bend your head towards the receive speaker and fix your hand on the mike button so you can trigger it fast and just shut your eyes slowly—one at a time. And then it hits like a pinball machine barrage—and before you are fully awake you are already telling SSU that everything is OK because in between Rogers he has gotten a Roger of his own in, and you ask permission to forward a query of your own, please.

And SSU senses the urgency in your voice and says OK—so you mention Camp Tel-Hai on Route 263 at Jamison in Buck County, you feel a little relief when he says the familiar QRX one and he'll find out.

And you sure feel happy when he reports that one of the State Troopers has been all along that stretch and gives it a clean bill of health. There's even an unspoken nudge to give them a quick visit when your relief takes over. Roger. Lyle agrees with you that it's been a long time since you have seen daylight come though the dark. The guy who describes it as "coming up

like thunder out of China 'cross the bay" either didn't have all his buttons or else he never stayed awake all night long just listening and waiting.

Morning at last, and with it comes a little comedy relief: there is one like this in every corner of the world. Her hair is tossed back carelessly, and her ill-fitting housecoat is kinda in need of laundering and she is standing barefooted; she beckons and you acknowledge her with a "good morning" and a query about what you can do to help, and she says it's a shame and you say it sure is about the flood, and then she says not that so much but it's a shame you radio fellas have to be around so long, and you shrug like it's nothing at all and you could do it all day long as long as it would help, and she seems not to hear you because she stuns you with a classic "Yeah, and all that talking comes into my radio and blocks all the other stuff"...and just what the hell do you answer?

Lyle just laughs and says that crazy restaurant with the neon was open half the night and now when we could use some coffee it's shut tighter'n a drum. then more idle talk and a quick check with SSU and he says they are sending a relieve over for him and a relief over for W3FUY and how's he doing? You Roger back and decide to take a quick run down the hill and see it first hand, and when you get there you are almost knocked off your feet at the sight. All the stuff you saw in movies and on television long ago hits you right in the face, except it doesn't disappear in a couple of frames, but etches itself in your mind, and you wish you could change the channel with a flick of

your finger and make it all go back to normal.

And then you spot the Sheriff—Holy Smokes, how did he get down here so fast? You look each other over and having renewed the acquaintance you ask about the wonder duck, and he reports that they are going after it now, and if they get it free they will resume rescue operations as there are a number of families still among the missing. And then you gulp real hard.

A dog waddling around and you pet him, and he shines up to you. Somebody tells you his owner's name, and it doesn't register, but later you remember that nobody said anything further about the owner, so you still wonder. The other duck goes into the water and the people begging chatting and making small jokes, the kind that indicate their relief of some of the tension. And then quiet because they all recognize one of the bad signs of flood aftermath: a floating rocking chair, and they all know the owner of it.

You can't seem to realize the closeness of a small town group because your city is much larger, but you remember all at once about the comfort that a small unit can bring to you. You look at the swirling waters again because their motion is so rapid the duck seems to be in danger. But then someone assures you that the water is falling because you can see the tops of a gas pump about ten short feet away and you're glad that they're not hysterical and you wonder how you would take it if it happened to you.

As you look around, you meet some

of the smiles of the people, and they have never been formally introduced but somewhere along the line they met you and are glad that you were sent to help them because they have already heard that there are other areas that help can't get to as yet. And you figure you better get back to your post at the top of the hill in case there's something new to know.

And on your way back, to where you left the car you meet W3FUY and he looks like he hasn't slept since Wednesday last, and you are proud to meet a guy like that and Joe Levy, not a ham, who is in the car with him.

And you chit-chat about the flood, and you remember that sometime during the weary night there was a weary W3EM and he went down the hill and he came back up the hill and you dimly remember saying something about a swell job, and the big guy took the ridiculous little car with the long antenna home, and you hoped it wouldn't get stuck on a tree limb like Von, W3UIX once joked about when he came back from Germany.

And after you resume your post on the atop of the hill some of the welcome news starts popping thought, like they freed the wounded duck and all hands on it are safe, and here is a list of the families rescued and safe, and the relief is coming for the radio fellows and Roger Roger Roger all over the place.

And when you finally take off and start winding it up though the road blocks, you start hearing all the familiar calls mentioned along the frequency and you realize that other

Phil-mont members are on more important errands and more dangerous errands than you were, and you swell with pride for them where a short while ago you were blown up with your own importance.

And you take cognizance of all of them straight through from A to Z, and as you move home though the daylight, you hear chatter from and about your friends, the real ones, the Phil-mont ones, and you darn near bawl. And you really sober up from something like this fast, because you're a big boy now, and you have two kids at camp yourself, and Lyle remembered your apprehension and finding the cut-though from Route 611 to Route 263 is very easy and the short side road outside of Jamison, and then you see both kids, safe and dry, and you know that helping the other guy is the easiest thing in the world.

Field Day 2004

Greetings to all PMRC members:

The following is a summary of Field Day in a nutshell. I hope this information will help make Field Day a fun event for all.

Eligibility: All hams in areas covered by ARRL/RAC and countries within IARU Region 2.

Object: To work as many stations on any/all Ham bands except 60, 30, 17, 12 Meter Bands.

Date/Time: The 4th full weekend in June @1800 UTC Saturday to 2100 UTC Sunday.

Entry Categories: Class A Club Portable operating W3EM The

GOTA Station will use different Callsign and operate 150 watts.

Exchange: Field Day operating class (6A) and ARRL/RAC sections (EPA).

Each Phone, CW, and Digital segments are separate Bands. A Station is worked once per Band. All Voice contacts are equivalent. All non-CW Digital contacts are equivalent. Cross Band contacts are not allowed. No Repeater contacts are allowed.

Scoring: QSO Points: Phone: 1 (ONE) / CW: 2 (TWO) / Digital: 2 (TWO) Power Multipliers: Highest Power output used: less than 150 watts = 2 (TWO) Greater than 150 watts = 1 (ONE).

Bonus Points:

Emergency Power = 100 points. Media = 100 points, Public Location = 100 points. Info Table = 100 points, Message to Section Manager = 100 Points. Message Handling = 10 Points per MSG = 100 Points max. for 10 MSG's. Satellite = 100 Points. Alternate Power = 100 Points. IE: Solar Cells. W1AW Bulletin = 100 Points. APRS - ATV - SSTV = 300 Points. Site visit by Government Official = 100 Points. Site visit by Agency Rep. = 100 points. IE: Red Cross, Law Enforcement. GOTA Station = 100 points minimum for 100 QSO's.

At the GOTA Station, each operator must have a copy of his or her license.

All entries and logs will be submitted to ARRL after Field Day and before July 27, 2004.

PMRC Field Day Chairman Carmen, KE3QB

Carmen has provided some basic tips for the WR9R logging software we use at Field Day, and they will appear in the June Blurb

AmExpo at Millville Wings & Wheels Airshow 2004

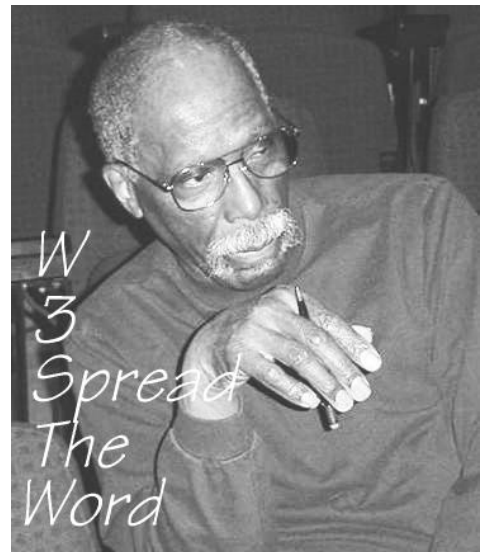
An Amateur Radio Expo will be held on May 1st and 2nd 2004 at the Millville Airport to coincide with the annual "Wheels & Wings" air show. AmExpo commemorates the advancement of radio communications conducted at this location during WWII. The US 22nd Communications Command was bivouacked at Millville which was this nation's first defense airfield. US Armed Forces worked hand-in-hand with the RAF to improve Allied communications and radar support that proved to be a critical factor in the success of military operations.

The event call sign "N2M" has been approved by the ARRL for AmExpo. A temporary radio communications center will be established and under the control of radio amateurs who will exhibit and demonstrate both vintage and modern radio equipment for the public. AmExpo control operators will work HF, VHF and UHF bands in all modes. An Amsat exhibit will also be on hand to honor communications via satellite. EchoLink voice over internet protocol will be featured to demonstrate the technology cross over between radio and computer

science.

AmExpo is a unique event that is appealing to all ages both amateur and non-amateur. Contacts will be made around the world from AmExpo while the USAF Thunderbird acrobatic team performs overhead. A total of 150 thousand visitors are anticipated during this 2 day event.

Come to the 2004 "Wheels & Wings" air show and AmExpo to experience the thrill of seeing many of our nation's finest aviators while also experiencing the excitement of amateur radio "strut it's stuff.". Admission to AmExpo is free to all who attend the Airshow. Make this a day that you, your family and friends will never forget! For more information please visit us online at <http://www.p47millville.org> or email w2avn@arrl.net.



There's an old saying that goes like this: "believe nothing of what you hear and half of what you see". I'd been trying to keep up with the propagation reports that show band conditions may be poor because of the decline in sun spot activity. According to what I read, we're

past the peak but not quite at the bottom of the current sun cycle therefore, conditions are supposed to be poor. Thinking I might find some supporting data from my log book, I took a quick look at my DX contacts for the first quarter of '04 and '94. Although there were far fewer DX contacts made during the first quarter of '04 than '94, that fact shed no light on whether or not the sun cycle was adversely impacting my ability to make DX contacts.

During the first quarter of '94, I was able to contact N.E.W.S Europe, Mediterranean, African, Caribbean, S. American and Asian countries. I was able to contact the same areas during the same time period for '04. What's with the "poor band condition due to the sun cycle number XX" comment. Well I finally got it, the reason I made far fewer DX contacts during the same time period in '04 than I made in '94 (17 in '04, 68 in '94) is, I'm ten years older.

It goes thusly, a newbe scientist (a young dude) studying the sun cycle is making DX contacts faster than rabbits are made. The dude gets old and tired and starts making fewer DX contacts. Enter a another newbe scientist who, like dude before, starts making DX contacts faster than rabbits are made. This dude also gets old and tired and starts making fewer DX contacts, enter another newbe scientist...are you getting the idea.

The person that got the grant money, to do this sun cycle stuff, reviews the data and sees all the increases and decreases in the DX contacts. it doesn't take long to see that the cycling taking place is due to aging. But, were it said "these


dudes are too old to do the job", a law suit would surely follow.

With the prospect of future grant money down the drain, and because the data would be hard to explain without the reference to folk getting old, the grant money person comes up with this reasoning. If the DX data included a few 2800 MHz flux numbers, averaged every few hours, days months and years and put some planetary A index jargon interspersed with a K coronal flare ejection factor every now and then, who in their right mind would not believe that poor band conditions are cyclic all because of the off spring of Mother Nature and Father time the, SUN....73 AL W3STW.

PMRC April Board Meeting

Al Tribble, W3STW called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. Attending the APRIL BOD meeting were as follows: Erik N3YXZ, FRED WA3KIO, Al W3STW, Maggie K3XS, Steve WU3I, Dick W3RM, Ed KB3IV, Jim W3BBB and Jim NS3K.

Dick, W3RM reported that disbursements were higher than income for the previous month but the club's finances are doing okay. Jim, W3BBB reported that a new voter was purchased and installed and is working fine. Also the new receive site in the Broomall area should be up and running soon. Steve, WU3I in discussing Field Day stated that the club would cover \$2.95 per Field Day shirt for Field day operators only. If you want a Field day shirt and are not operating at PMRC's Field Day site you will have to pay the full cost of



ARRL VEC

214th Monthly

Phil-Mont VE Exam Session Statistics for April 1, 2004

Three candidates took three elements, and we had one new amateur. The VE team was chaired by Dusty Rhoads **ND3Q**, and the other participating VEs were Gerry Cechony **W3GER**, Gene Dinardi **N3XKE**, Pete Butler **WB2B**, Jim McCloskey **NS3K**, Jim Perry **W3JPR**

Upcoming Exam Sessions:
May 6th 2004, June 3, 2004
(See page 2 for details)

\$12.95. He also reported that the tower for W3AA is waiting for L&I specs for the foundation

Ed, KB3IV reported that the club's net control system is working just fine. He encourages everyone to check-in to the 2 meter as well as the 10 and 75 meter nets. Also, W3AA will be net control north for the MS 150 in September. MS 150 forms are downloadable from the clubs webpage at www.phil-mont.org

Maggie, K3XS reported that the Blurb is okay. Contributions are always welcome.

Al, W3STW notified the Board that 4 new amateurs have entered the ranks due the class program at SPARK (aka NE High School).

The Board also voted in two new members. They are Louis, **WX3I** and Ted, **N3UP**. We would like to welcome them to the club.

With no more business to attend to the meeting was closed at 9:05 pm

Till next month, 73 NS3K

PMRC April General Meeting

Philmont President, Al Tribble called the April PMRC meeting to order at 7:49 pm.

There was no Treasury report this evening. I'm sure Dick, W3RM was busy getting those last minute tax returns done by the midnight deadline. See the Board of Directors minutes for the club's current financial condition

Carman, KE3QB spoke about Field Day. The club is still looking for a 10 meter band captain at the time of this writing. Let Carman know if you are interested. Also Field Day pins and shirts are still available thru May 14th. The shirts are \$12.95 and the pins are \$5.00. Field Day operators get a \$2.50 discount on the shirts. Please let WU3I know if you plan to attend so he can get the meal listing.

Maggie, K3XS the Blurb editor is looking for any submissions. Please submit any articles by the 20th of the month

Dusty, ND3Q stated the next VE session is on Thursday, May 6th. Come on out and upgrade before it gets real easy.

Ed, KB3IV is looking for more participation on the 10 and 75 meter nets. Also, anyone who wants to be net control on either net please let Ed know.

Jim, W3BBB gave a report via the repeater that George, W3PXY,

Philmont's oldest original member was in the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers. Talk to Jim for additional information.

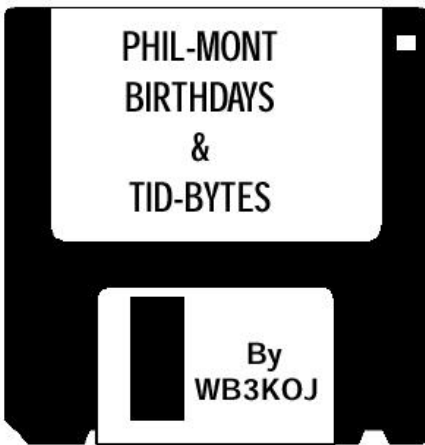
Steve, WU3I let us know that they are waiting for clear weather to start the foundation for the tower at W3AA. Hopefully the tower will be up sometime in June. Also try and stop by the club station and use the equipment. The station is available Monday thru Friday between 10am to 4pm. Al would love the company.

Ra KB3JCR won the 50-50 drawing and donated his winnings to the Scholarship Fund.

At 8:20 Clark Edwards the Phila Area Ares coordinator gave a short update talk on Ares in the Philadelphia area. Clark needs volunteers for the ARES effort in

the Philadelphia area. His Email address is: phillyares@yahoo.com or you can reach him via phone at 215.300.8087. He also announced that Keith Martin the Director of Homeland Security for Pennsylvania will be at lunch meeting on April 27th between 12:00 and 1:00 at 23rd and Chestnut Streets. If you would like to attend please get in touch with Clark. Following Clark's talk, Bill, W3AOK gave the floor back to Dusty, ND3Q who brought us up to speed with the new licensing proposals by the ARRL. This was followed by a question and answer period which proved to be most interesting. If you were not there you sure missed a lot. Al Tribble, aka Mr President then closed the meeting at 9:17 pm

Till next month,
73 NS3K

	<h3>May Birthdays</h3> <p>05 Paul Policarpo – N3PP 17 Herb Scott – N3OLK 18 Mike Morgan – W7MM 20 Bob Field – W3INW Dick Malone – N3MGS 28 Peggy Kaufmann – KB3DID* 29 Maggie Leber – K3XS Dave Martin – WA1ZGE 30 Bill Chedeville – W3GQD 31 Heidi Mescanti – (XYL WB3KUR) *New Member 2003</p>
<p>Directory Corrections and Additions</p> <p>Paid (too late for directory): W7MM–See 2003 directory</p> <p>Information changes: Change WA2AJV to W2AJV N3VE is listed twice</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP STATS</p> <p>At press time P.M.R.C. has:</p> <p>102 Full paid members 8 Family members 1 Youth members (under 17) 1 Honorary members 0 Pending members</p>

Welcome, new PMRC members!

Louis J. Ruh – WX3I ("Lou")
Theodore D. Mills – N3UP ("Ted")

Remeber: The Blurb welcomes your ham-related (and maybe not so ham-related) advertisements, notices and announcements. Just get them to the editor before the deadline of the issue you want them to appear in: the 20th of the preceding month.

Date	May 2004 with PMRC
Sat 01	
Sun 02	NCS: 2m K3XS – HF W3YXZ
Mon 03	
Tue 04	
Wed 05	Board Meeting at WRDV
Thu 06	VE Exams at Northeast HS – see page 2
Fri 07	
Sat 08	
Sun 09	Mother's Day NCS: 2m WU3I–HF WA3KIO
Mon 10	
Tue 11	
Wed 12	General Meeting at Masonic Village – see page 2
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Sat 15	
Sun 16	NCS: 2mKB3IV – HF KB3IV
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Tue 18	
Wed 19	
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Sat 22	
Sun 23	NCS: 2m WB3KOJ–HF W3STW
Mon 24	
Tue 25	
Wed 26	
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Sat 29	
Sun 30	NCS:all nets W3BBB
Mon 31	Memorial Day

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